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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/021,901
Filing Date	13 December 2001
First Named Inventor	Cynthia H. NORDNESS
Group Art Unit	3765
Examiner Name	R. Muromoto, Jr.
Attorney Docket Number	KCC-15,611

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination (8 pages)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time for Filing of Response Under Rule 1.136(a) (2 pages), in duplicate

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3550

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☒ Other any deficiency in the enclosed fee

b. ☒ Checks in the amount of \$ 790.00 and 120.00 enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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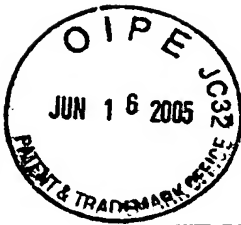
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Docket No.: KCC-15,611

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Cynthia H. NORDNESS, et al.

Serial No.: 10/021,901

Filing Date: 13 December 2001

Title: PERMEABLE, CLOSE TO THE BODY  
LINER FOR SWIMWEAR

Customer No. 35844

Confirmation No. 1981

Group No. 3765

Examiner: R. Muromoto, Jr.

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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